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SUBJECT: UNION CARBIDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG

PLEASE PASS TO BARTLETT OF UNION CARBIDE FOR QUASHI-IDUN
FROM GEOGHAN.

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM LONDON ON BARNES REQUEST FOR
CLARIFICATION:

A. YEAR END SHOULD BE 31 DECEMBER 1971 AND NOT 30 SEPTEMBER
1971 REASON BEING THAT YEAR 1967 WAS A 15-MONTH YEAR RUNNING
FROM 1 OCTOBER 1966 TO 31 DECEMBER 1967.

B. METHOD OF COMPUTING ADDITIONAL MINERALS DUTY IS CORRECT
BUT RATES OF DUTY NOT ADJUSTED FOR YIELD RATE AND NO SELL-
ING EXPENSES ALLOWED.

C. OS&S PRICES FOB TAKORADI WILL BE USED.

D. COMMISSIONER INCOME TAX COMPUTATIONS ARE INCORRECT AS
NO ALLOWANCE MADE FOR COSTS.

E. OSS TAKORADI FOB PRICES LESS 5 PERCENT SELLING
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EXPENSES LESS AMC ORIGINAL SALES PROCEEDS AND LESS ESCALA-

TION IN MINERALS DUTY WILL BE USED SO AS TO GIVE ADDITIONAL CHARGEABLE INCOME FOR TAX PURPOSES.

2. RE COST OF AUDIT. AGREE PROPOSED COST BE ALLOWED AS CHARGE AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAX BUT AMC FLEXIBLE THIS POINT AND IT SHOULD NOT BECOME STUMBLING BLOCK.

3. ADVISE IF LONDON COMMENTS REQUIRE ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION. RUSH

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